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Filing Date	October 16, 2003
First Named Inventor	VOELKER, Dean E.
Group Art Unit	3679
Examiner Name	D. Bochna
Attorney Docket No.	VD1-3057-U

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First Named Inventor	DEAN E. VOELKER	
Examiner Name	D. BOCHNA	
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FEES CALCULATION**1. FILING /SEARCH/ EXAMINATION FEES**

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1011 300	2011 150	Utility filing fee	
1111 500	2111 250	Search fee	
1311 200	2311 100	Examination fee	
1012 200	2012 100	Design filing fee	
1005 200	2005 100	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)			

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	80 - 85 = 0	x 0 = 0	0
Independent Claims	9 - 4 = 5	x 100 = 500	500
Multiple Dependent		= n/a	

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see below

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
1202 50	2202 25	Claims in excess of 20
1201 200	2201 100	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 360	2203 180	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 200	2204 100	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 50	2205 25	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)		500

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1081 250	2081 125	Utility Appl. Size Fee (1 st 50 sheets over 100	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexam.	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 120	2251 60	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 450	2252 225	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 1,020	2253 510	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,590	2254 795	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,160	2255 1080	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 500	2401 250	Notice of Appeal	
1402 500	2402 250	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 1,000	2403 500	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 500	2452 250	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1500	2453 750	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,400	2501 700	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 800	2502 400	Design issue fee	
1503 660	2503 330	Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 790	2809 395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 790	2810 395	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 790	2801 395	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
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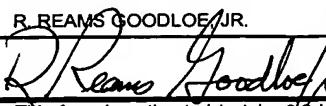
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Confirmation No.: 2236)
Applicant: VOELKER, Dean E.)
Serial No.: 10/688,422)Art Unit:
Filed: October 16, 2003)3679
Title: SLIP COUPLING FOR PIPE, AND)Examiner:
METHOD OF USING A SLIP COUPLING)BOCHNA,D.
IN PIPELINES FOR COLLECTION OF)
LANDFILL GAS)

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant hereby asserts status as a small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
 other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL
Attorney Docket No VDI-3057-U

(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 (fees: 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) for the total number of months checked below.

EXTENSION (months)	FEE FOR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$ 1,590.00	\$ 795.00

FEE: \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefore.

(check and complete the next time, if applicable)

An extension for _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefore of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request: \$ _____

OR

(b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 CFR § 1.16(b)-(d) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL	80	MINUS	85	= 0	x \$25 = \$ 0
INDEP.	9	MINUS	4	= 5	x \$100 = \$500
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$180 =	\$n/a
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE	\$500.00

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complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

(c) No additional fee for claims is required.
OR
(d) Total additional fee for claims required \$500.00.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
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Serial No.:	10/688,422) Art Unit: 3679
Filed:	October 16, 2003)
Title:	SLIP COUPLING FOR PIPE, AND METHOD OF USING A SLIP COUPLING IN PIPELINES FOR COLLECTION OF LANDFILL GAS) Examiner: BOCHNA, D.))))

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.111

Sir:

This is response to the First Office action on the merits in this application, mailed April 25, 2005. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and further examination of his application, in view of the amendments, response, comments, and clarifications contained herein. The amendments are as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin at page 2; and

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